

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." – Mark 8: 34b*

*As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.*

*We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.*



Prelude: Elegy – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

- Patti Polowick

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Hail, our once-rejected Jesus"***

**#353**

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**Although following you brings joy, O God,  
we confess the way is sometimes hard for us.**

**We get tired and would prefer an easier road.**

**Some days the task of loving others seems hard,  
and we ignore the needs of our neighbours.**

**Forgive us when our commitment to you wavers,  
and we take that easier path.**

**Strengthen our determination to follow where you lead  
and renew our energy to serve in Jesus' name. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Praise:** *"One more step along the world I go"*

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*(Children leave for Church School)*

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

- Laura Van Loon

Psalms 22: 23-31 Refrain 1

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

"Denial"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Waltz, Op. 39, no. 2 – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

### **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Praise:**

*"Take up your cross"*

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Benediction

**A-men, a-men, a - - - men**

Postlude: By the Seashore – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Sammy Lyonga Ngombe, Prince Lyonga Ngombe, Luella Moore

Lock Up: Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Hosts: Judy McFadden, Pat Barber, Luella Moore



YOU ARE INVITED to the lower hall following the worship service for refreshments and conversation

A SPECIAL WELCOME is extended to our visitors this morning. Please sign the guest book in the entranceway, or fill out a visitor's envelope found in the pews. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider St.

Andrew's.

CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

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## *Announcements*

### **Coffee Hour Talk: Dylan Nippi**

Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry Executive Director Dylan Nippi will be speaking to us during coffee hour today about the importance of safety and security in downtown ministry. Dylan's many years of experience as a pastor, advocate, and ally have given him a wealth of knowledge and a compassionate outlook. You won't want to miss it.



Your 2023 charitable donation receipts, for tax purposes, are now available on the entranceway table. Please check that your address is correct, and notify the office of any changes. Any receipts that haven't been picked up by February 25 will be mailed out. If you would like your receipt mailed out before then, please let Dorothy know.

The children thru Lent are learning a simple music piece with Choir Director, Naomi Suchan. She is carefully scooting down to teach them the hymn each Sunday. If you are away and want to practice the piece at home with your children, contact Naomi or Martha for the MP4 version to assist you. We are looking forward to this music on Sunday March 24 as part of Palm Sunday worship.



### **PWS&D Lenten Appeal**

Every Lenten period, St. Andrew's promotes the work of PWS&D around the world and highlights one aspect of this

work. This year, after several years of emergency relief, the focus during 2024 is on maternal care. While improvements in diet and health care over the century have made maternal mortality a rarity in Canada, concerns over survival still run high in developing countries.

During this Lenten period, all donations to PWS&D from St. Andrew's, including the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, will go towards the maternal health program, unless a donation states otherwise. Please see the upcoming newsletter for more detail.



## 2024 Lenten Book Study

All are invited to join the Christian Education Committee and Rev. Roberto on Mondays at 7pm for our 6-part Lenten Book Study. Meeting by Zoom from February 19th to March 25th, we will be exploring N.T. Wright's "Lent for Everybody: Year B." The book is available both digitally and in print and we have purchased a number of hardcopies for those who want one. Please email Rev. Roberto at [roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com) to sign up.

Book link: <https://www.amazon.ca/Lent-Everyone-Mark-Year-B/dp/0664238947>

This year we have Youth attending LIFT Conference July 3-7, 2024. One way to support Youth Ministry is to use your Easter chocolate dollars in our campaign. From now until **Sunday March 10** you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Easter chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies. Purdy's chocolate catalogues are available in the Narthex.



What you'll need to order: (they arrive **March 24, 2024**)

1. Our campaign number: **58208**
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1311232-116407>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy chocolating! Martha Fergusson 306 270 2378

### HOLD THE DATE:

Palm Sunday - March 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am Worship

Good Friday - March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am Worship

Easter Sunday - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am Worship & Communion

### Engage in these special programs:

Lent Bible Study: Mondays, February 19 - March 25 at 7pm



ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS! St. Andrew's AGM will be held on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, following Worship. Dorothy needs your written and financial reports by Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to prepare the report for the meeting.

### AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- \* Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- \* 2024 Offering Envelopes

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #62.

#### Education for Reconciliation

62. We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, in consultation and collaboration with Survivors, Aboriginal peoples, and educators, to:

- i. Make age-appropriate curriculum on residential schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal peoples' historical and contemporary contributions to Canada a mandatory education requirement for Kindergarten to Grade Twelve students.
- ii. Provide the necessary funding to post-secondary institutions to educate teachers on how to integrate Indigenous knowledge and teaching methods into classrooms.
- iii. Provide the necessary funding to Aboriginal schools to utilize Indigenous knowledge and teaching methods in classrooms.
- iv. Establish senior-level positions in government at the assistant deputy minister level or higher dedicated to Aboriginal content in education.

#### **Missed out on a worship service?**

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit [standrews-saskatoon.com](http://standrews-saskatoon.com)
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)\_bulletin" to see the bulletin

### *In Our Wider Community*

Today 4 youth members and Alicia Monson are leading worship at Calvin Go Forth. This is a unique fundraiser for their LIFT Conference. They are learning the elements of worship while receiving the honorarium from pulpit supply which will go towards the cost of registration for the conference. Pray for their learning and fellowship as they spend the morning across town.

Nicole Lindgren is back in Saskatchewan and preaching in North Battleford. Our prayers are with her as she leads worship in our Presbytery.

#### **2024 Women's World Day of Prayer Services**

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada invites you to participate in one of its 2024 World Day of Prayer services on March 1. You can visit either Grace Westminster, St. David's Trinity, St. Paul's United, or Redeemer Lutheran at 2pm. Mayfair United will host the 7pm service.

#### **He's In the Room: A Night of Praise and Worship (March 16)**

Saskatoon's own "Sisterhood" ministry invites all women to take part in this evening of praise and worship on March 16th at 7pm at Knox United Church.



# Second Sunday in Lent

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*Written by the Rev. John Bannerman (PWS&D Committee Co-Convenor)*

**One:** On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus teaching about the suffering and rejection that he would endure on his way to the cross.

**All:** **Like Peter, we resist this teaching.  
We prefer an easier way without struggle and suffering.**

**One:** But Jesus does not hold back. He tells us that to become his followers we need to deny ourselves and take up our cross.

**All:** **May God help us as we learn more of what it means  
to be friends and followers of Jesus.**



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# From Crop Harvest to Small Business



In Pakistan, Mohammad Saleh owns three acres of land in his village, where he grows guar beans. Despite sporadic rains, he had a relatively successful harvest—some of the beans were sold in the market for cash. The rest was used for food at home.

Farming is part-time in the desert area of Umerkot because farmers are challenged by unpredictable rains, droughts and floods, and can't grow enough to sustain themselves. Many work as unskilled labourers to make ends meet while waiting for their crops to ripen.

Unfortunately, the crops were not enough to last the year and Saleh worried about providing for his family when the guar ran out.

Saleh and his family received food aid through PWS&D's partner Community World Service Asia, which enabled them to access food in difficult times. Since then, he managed to save some money and set up a small store in his home, which his wife could manage while he continued to work in construction, providing the family with a sustainable income.

**This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call. PWS&D is working closely with local partners to provide communities with the resources and training they need to build better futures.**

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# MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, February 25**

"We really appreciate the program, as we are in dire need to keep the education going for our kids," shared a grateful parent. For Afghan children who sought refuge in Pakistan, education is often out of reach because they are not nationals. PWS&D supports the Digital Learning Center in Peshawar, which provides out-of-school children and adults with basic digital literacy classes, high school courses and tutoring sessions that aim to help a total of 520 students.



Students and their family members are benefiting from the Darakht-e Danesh Library, which provides free and open educational resources on such topics as math, language, business and the sciences. Students access classes both in English and Dari/Farsi, equipping them with essential skills and providing hope for those who have lost so much, broadening their opportunities for the future.

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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, February 25** We pray for inclusive communities who come together to explore important life questions, support each other in living with purpose and meaning, and work towards peace and justice.

**Monday, February 26** We pray for the Rev. Stewart Folster and the people at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church on Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation.

**Tuesday, February 27** We remember in prayer PWS&D's refugee sponsorship program which helps Canadian congregations provide new opportunities for refugees worldwide.

**Wednesday, February 28** We pray for the discovery of new, faithful, and hopeful directions for congregations that do not have the finances to call a part-time minister.

**Thursday, February 29** We lift up in prayer the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024) and pray for a world of justice and equity where anti-Black racism is eradicated.

**Friday, March 1 (World Day of Prayer)** We pray for the Christian women of Palestine who have prepared this year's World Day of Prayer service for the Women's Missionary Society.

**Saturday, March 2** We pray for patience, strength, and inspiration for ministers who are not only serving their own congregation but are also engaged in long-term interim-moderatorships.